

**Martin Luther King Commission Meeting
Rio Grande Board Room
Wednesday, June 3, 2015**

Attendees: Beth Garstka, Robert Rendon, Claudia Nakano, Dr. Forrest Crawford, Ed Napia, Jasen Lee, Dr. Rob Harter, Adrienne Andrews, Nkoyo Iyamba, Jenny Hor, Sattia Chozo

Excused: Dr. Karen Johnson, Shawn Newell

Guests: Martha Nunezhi, Jill Flygare, Geoff Fattah

Welcome – *Adrienne Andrews, Interim Chair*

Adrienne Andrews welcomed all attendees to the MLK Commission meeting.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Jasen Lee moved to approve the minutes from Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

Ed Napia seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

MLK Commission at Weber State University Update – *Adrienne Andrews*

Adrienne Andrews opened the discussion by thanking the Commission members who attended and joined over conference call the last meeting at Weber State University. She shared that during the last meeting, guests outnumbered Commission members. This was upsetting to her because she knows how committed this Commission is. The feedback received from the Ogden City and University partners were that they loved having the MLK Commission come to campus; they support what the commission is accomplishing. She also mentioned that Jasen Lee is working with Weber State on Juneteenth. Adrienne Andrews stated that with this kind of opportunity, the Commission is able to cultivate new relationships and partners to enhance the existing relationships. She shared that Juneteenth will take place on June 19th at Weber State University and the Pride parade is this upcoming weekend in Salt Lake City; Weber State University will have a float and they would be honored to have MLK Commission members join.

Claudia Nakano thanked Adrienne Andrews for hosting the last Commission meeting at Weber State University as well for serving as Interim Chair. She also announced Dr. Rob Harter as the recently appointed chair by Governor Herbert. Dr. Rob Harter thanked Claudia Nakano for all the support and feels honored for the opportunity.

Sponsorships & Contributions– *Jill Flygare, Finance Director of DHA*

Jill Flygare opened the discussion by stating the MLK Commission is under the supervision of the Department of Heritage and Arts, specifically the Multicultural

Affairs Division. She stated that any funds would have to come from the Department of Heritage and Arts and then the Multicultural Affairs Office. She mentioned the MLK Commission has a Restricted Account called the Martin Luther King Civil Rights restricted account; this account was designated for the license plate. Jasen Lee asked if the license plate was named; Geoff Fattah and Jill Flygare will find out about the license plate status. Jill Flygare also shared that any kind of contributions, donations or grants are tax deductible. She mentioned that any contributions over \$50,000 has to be approved by the legislature; any contributions over \$10,000 has to be approved by the Governor; and any contributions under \$10,000 can be deposited into the restricted account. The process might take up to a month. Jill brought up to the Commission attention that they are able to provide scholarships to underrepresented/underserved populations as long as they partner up with an educational institutions; she stated that the Commission itself cannot give out scholarships. Adrienne Andrews asked to whom she would write the check to and where she would send it, Jill Flygare mentioned to write the check to the Department of Heritage with MLK Commission written in the memo. Claudia Nakano and Jill Flygare will talk about accepting credit card for donations to the MLK Commission through the website.

MOTION: Adrienne Andrews moved to collect all the information and have it ready for the next meeting. Ed Napia seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

25th Anniversary Celebration – Dr. Forrest Crawford

Dr. Forrest Crawford opened the discussion by thanking Commission members for all the help and support he has received for the 25th Anniversary Planning Committee. He mentioned he would like to have a draft of the program by mid-September.

He shared with the committee 4 potential speakers:

1. Wellington Webb, Former Mayor of Denver, Colorado.
2. Board Chair of The King Center For Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta
3. Katie Knight, Speaking Volumes Traveling Exhibition
4. Reverend Brandee Jasmine Mimitzraiem, Embry Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Rob Harter asked for feedback from the Commission to choose a speaker for the 25th Anniversary Celebration. Nkoyo Iyamba suggested having Reverend Brandee Jasmine Mimitzraiem as a speaker; she mentioned she likes the idea of having a local speaker. Adrienne Andrews stated Reverend Brandee Jasmine Mimitzraiem would be an amazing speaker, and shared that she has partnered up with Weber State University, and the NAACP. Dr. Forrest Crawford will forward her contact information to Beth Garstka, who will contact her to officially invite her to be part of

the program.

Future Commission Meetings and Attendance – *Commission Discussion*

Dr. Rob Harter opened the discussion by stating he will be hosting the next Commission meeting at the Christian Center of Park City. He mentioned this Commission is doing a great job at keeping commitments. He also mentioned he understands many of the MLK Commission members serve on other commissions and he appreciates all the dedication and hard work they are putting into the MLK Commission. Adrienne Andrews mentioned she also sits on the President Council Committee, which conflicts with MLK Commission meeting. She talked to them and explained the MLK Commission is something she's passionate about and they have been working around it. Dr. Rob Harter suggested on having a signed agreement, which states Commission members cannot have more than three consecutive unexcused absences. Dr. Rob Harter will work on it and have it ready for the next meeting.

Jasen Lee shared with the Commission that sometimes having meetings too far away from the valley makes it a little bit difficult to attend meetings.

Adrienne agreed with him and suggested on modifying the upcoming meetings.

2015 Commission Meetings

August 5 at 10 AM – Rio Grande Board Room

September 2 at 10 AM – Rio Grande Board Room

October 7 at 10 AM – Westminster College

November 4 at 10 AM – University of Utah

December 2 at 10 AM – Rio Grande Board Room

2015 Monthly Events – *Commission Discussion*

Jasen Lee mentioned Juneteenth would take place on the weekend of June 19th at Weber State University. He shared with the Commission he has met with Jayson Stokes from Weber State University and they already have a room reserved. He also has ideas of topics such as overcoming discrimination and striving for equality. He will send more information as the event date gets closer.

Adjourn

MOTION: Nkoyo Iyamba moved to adjourn the meeting. Adrienne Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Action Items

- The Next Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM at the Christian Center of Park City.